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DR. CLARK HERE

Rev. Alden H. Clark, Foreign Secretary of the American Board, and Mrs. Clark landed on April 28 from the steamship President Lincoln, which had brought them on the last lap of a seven months' trip around the world. During this time the Clarks visited several European countries, Turkey, Syria, India, Japan, China, the Philippine Islands, and Hawaii. Beginning with the very evening of his arrival, Dr. Clark has been on schedule of our Association meetings, giving his impressions of the progress of missions in the lands which he visited. He reports that Turkey and the Philippines are really pioneer fields. With the deportation of Armenian and other minority peoples from Turkey, missions were confronted with the choice of leaving the country or beginning afresh with the Turks as their field. Turkey is eager for western culture, and the leaders recognize that this will involve western religion. Already there are Turks calling themselves "Jesus Men" and trying to understand the Man of Galilee more fully. In India, 100,000 people or more are added to the church yearly. About 6,000,000 are now Christian, and 60,000,000 outcasts are definitely forsaking Hinduism. A very serious task confronts the church in trying to assimilate the large numbers which will be coming to it.

The island of Mindanao, which has had a very sparse population due to the ferocity of the Moros, is now being homesteaded. Villages are springing up and homes and churches are being built. Dr. Clark saw not less than ten native churches under construction.

It is Dr. Clark's belief that, while in some localities the depression has resulted in severe losses, in others it has created an added sense of responsibility which will ultimately mean increased strength. Although certain phases of the work have been given up, there has been a very remarkable development in reaching rural peoples.

Dr. Clark will speak at each Association meeting, and then will go to the Southern California Conference, from which he will travel eastward, speaking in St. Louis, Minneapolis, and McKeesport, Pennsylvania, before arriving in Boston.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11-13—Southern California Congregational Conference annual meeting, Los Angeles.
June 4-7—Visit of Toyohiko Kagawa to Bay region (see special article for schedule).
June 16-24—General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches, Mt. Holyoke, Mass.
June 22 to July 3—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.
June 25-28—California Christian Endeavor Union State Convention at San Jose.
July 11-18 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.
July 25 to August 1—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
August 9-15—Young People's Institute, Lokoya.
October 27-29—State Conference, San Jose.
November 8-11—National Preaching Mission, San Francisco and East Bay.

CALIFORNIA FACES FORWARD

California faces forward! By vote of the Benevolence Promotion Committee and of the Conference Board of Directors, a long-term plan has been adopted and is being presented to the Association meetings this spring. Under this plan it is expected that the goals suggested by the Commission on Missions will be reached during the years 1937-38.

It will be remembered by readers of The Pacific that at the Evanston meeting in January, the Commission on Missions determined to ask the churches to increase their giving by 22 per cent for the two-year period of 1936-37 over and above the two-year period of 1934-35.

In Northern California, by action of the Board, the attainment of these goals will be delayed one year, and the current year of 1936 will be used for thorough-going preparation. This so-called "spade work" had its beginning with the visits of Dr. Fred Field Goodsell and Dr. Frank C. Laubach. It is being continued by Dr. Alden H. Clark and Superintendent Harley H. Gill in the spring meetings of the Associations. Mrs. Arthur V. Dunn, President of the Federation of Congregational Women, is giving earnest cooperation in her leadership of forums among women delegates.

In the autumn, a series of conferences for the men of our churches will be arranged with Donald Adams, former international president of the Rotary Clubs, as the leader. In these Conferences, it is expected that a new sense of churchmanship will be realized by our men. The opportunity for strengthening the local church and its interest in the world-wide task of Christianity, will be presented by Mr. Adams in his own contagious manner.

A distinct forward step is to be made by the Conference in discovering and putting a man in the field who will devote himself to two major interests; first, to help churches meet their whole responsibility both for themselves and for missions, and second, to advance the work of our young people in their societies and church schools. It is believed that the cost of putting this man in the field will be cared for by the increases of contributions to benevolences.

Climaxing all of this is the leadership which pastors are promising as the whole problem is discussed at the Association meetings.

Translated into definite money terms, in Northern California it means that for 1936 we shall hold our own and make such gains as will come naturally from educational work being done, but in 1937 we will definitely commit ourselves to raising $39,000, and in 1938, $44,000, instead of the average of $34,000 per year which has come in the past two years.

To this task we earnestly call the devotion and purpose of everyone who seeks to upbuild the church at home and abroad. We need to do it not only for others, but to save our own souls.

Plymouth House Activities

Plymouth House, our Congregational student center near the University of California, little by little is presenting a more inviting presence. The latest improvement are new rugs in the main room. Officers for the coming academic year have been elected, as follows: President, Joe Pettit; Vice-President, Peggy Brown; Treasurer, Frank Prouty; Fellowship Chairman, Roger Preston; Operations Chairman, Don MacQuivey; Membership Chairman, Viola Mann.

Our churches will be glad to know that the president, in addition to being an honor student, is a member of the Engineering and Electrical Engineering honor fraternities. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet and last year was on the handball team. He recently resigned the presidency of Theta Kappa Nu in order to accept the leadership of Plymouth House.

Rev. Fred Morrow, the director, preached at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley, on the evening of May 3.

GERMAN Y. P. MEET

The annual convention of the young people of the German Churches and Sunday Schools was held at Biola Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26. Philip Spomer was elected president for the coming year. At the Saturday evening session Superintendent Harley H. Gill spoke on "Christian Youth Building a New World."

WORLD SERVICE STORIES

Attention of Sunday school superintendents and teachers is called to the new World Service material which has just been prepared. As in previous years, it is devoted to work in our own State Conference. Pamphlet for beginners and primary departments is devoted to Indian Work in Modoc County, and was written by Miss Mary Coxhead; junior leaflet concerns Trinity County and was written by Mrs. L. M. Drury, and the senior leaflet, devoted to Plymouth House, was written by Mrs. C. E. Rugh. This material should prove helpful either for worship services or for class work. If your Sunday school is not now receiving it, enrollment card and current pamphlets may be secured from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg,. San Francisco.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

At the time of going to press, not all of the Associations have held meetings, hence the list of officers is not complete. Those thus far elected are as follows: Central: Moderator, Rev. E. T. Sherman; Assistant Moderator, Mr. George Prickett; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed; Upper Bay, Moderator, Rev. E. W. Benedict; Registrar, Rev. B. Dent Naylor; Sacramento Valley, Moderator, Mr. David H. Gill; Assistant Moderator, Rev. H. J. Loken; Registrar, Rev. E. O. Chapel.

COUNCIL DELEGATES

As the Pacific goes to press not all of the Associations have met and elected delegates to the General Council, but those chosen thus far by the several appointing bodies are as follows:

For the Conference: Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Mr. George S. Martin, and Professor Ernest E. Stanford.

Bay Association: Mrs. C. L. Mears, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, and Rev. T. T. Giffen; alternates: Pres. H. F. Swartz, Mrs. Kate A. Maynard, Mrs. H. F. Swartz, and Rev. C. L. Mears.

Central Association: Rev. Noel J. Breed; alternate: Prof. Dwayne P. Orton.

Redwood Empire Association: Rev. George E. Atkinson.

Sacramento Valley Association: Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer.

Delegates to the General Council will please note this change in arrangements: The special General Council train will leave Chicago via New York Central Monday, June 15, at 1:15 p. m. (central time), and will arrive at Holyoke, Mass., June 16, at 8:44 a. m. A fleet of automobiles will be at Holyoke to take the delegates the four or five miles to Mt. Holyoke College. The special will be fully equipped with lounge, observation, and dining cars, and coaches.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered a reduction in rates, but eastern roads are threatening suit in court to prevent it. As soon as final tariffs are decided a printed folder with full announcements will be available.

The cost of meals and lodging while attending the Council will be $2.75 per person per day to the limit of accommodations.

Mills College Institute

Programs for the Institute of International Relations, to be held at Mills College June 23 to July 3, have been prepared. Among the faculty will be Dr. Y. Y. Tsu of China, Lt.-Commander S. F. Bryant, U. S. N., retired, Dr. E. Guy Talbot of the Council for Prevention of War; Dr. Carl Landauer, lecturer in economics at the University of California, and Dr. George Blakeslee, professor of history at Clark University, Massachusetts. Tuition fee will be $10, and room and board will be an additional $17.50 or $20. Application with a deposit of $5 should be sent at once to Joseph Conard, Mills College, California.

"DOING WELL"

All Northern California Congregationalists will rejoice to hear that a baby boy was born to Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilbur at Taiku, China, on April 21. The news is especially gratifying because of the reports that Mrs. Wilbur and baby are both doing splendidly.

Last month the governing committee elected Dr. Wilbur, missionary of Taiku, Shansi, China, superintendent of the hospital there.

Rev. Chas. H. Hudson of Eureka reports that he acquired a beautiful camp site at Miranda, on the Eel River, covered with maple, madrone, and oak trees. He plans to have young people's camps and older people's conferences. It is about 16 miles from Garberville.

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KAGAWA'S DATES

Last month The Pacific printed a tentative schedule for the visit of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa to the Bay area. Following is the revised schedule:

Thursday, June 4, 8 p.m., First Congregational Church, San Francisco, auspices of San Francisco Church Federation, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Pres.

Friday, June 5, 2 p.m., First Congregational Church, San Francisco; conference with ministers. 8 p.m., Young People's Rally, Oakland Civic Auditorium Theatre, auspices of the Oakland Church Federation, Lawton D. Harris, Sec'y, care Y. M. C. A., Oakland.

Saturday, June 6, 2 p.m., Cooperative Seminar, Oakland Y. M. C. A., Russell H. C. Proffitt, attorney, in charge. 7:30 p.m., Japanese Rally, Japanese Methodist Church, Oakland.

Sunday, June 7, 11 a.m., Union Japanese Service of four Japanese churches in Japanese Reformed Church, Post Street, San Francisco. 5 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley (KRE broadcast). 7:30 p.m., Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland (KSFO broadcast), Dr. George W. Phillips, pastor.

CALIFORNIA CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SANTA CRUZ. At the candlelight service on the evening of Holy Thursday sixty new members were received into the church. About 500 people were in attendance. Easter services were the best attended in the history of the church. Five babies were baptized. At the vesper service the robed choir rendered Gounod's "St. Cecelia's Mass."

GUERNEVILLE. Rev. Ray S. Miller, who has served this church in connection with the Presbyterian church at Monte Rio, is to move to Guerneville on May 12 and will give his entire time to the field during the summer. In the autumn Guerneville and Monte Rio will again be yoked.

BENICIA. Mr. Alden A. Read closed his work on Easter Sunday, at which time ten new members were received. There is a splendid young people's society in the church, the best in several years, which may be accounted for by the fact that they came up from the Sunday School. Rev. Arthur T. Davies is supplying the church.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. The Senior Forum gave a play which was successful from every point of view, and received much favorable comment. Thirty-seven meetings were held in the house during April. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr is the director.

PITTSBURG. Twenty new members have been received in the first two months of the pastorate of Rev. E. W. Benedict. Church attendance has increased and the Sunday School has doubled.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Two great Easter Sunday morning audiences greeted the pastor, Rev. O. W. S. McCall. Identical services were conducted at nine o'clock and eleven o'clock. Dr. McCall is to be the main speaker at the Montana State Conference at Missoula, May 5 to 7. He will sail for Europe during the summer in company with his daughter, Betty. During his stay in England he will occupy the pulpit at City Temple, London.

SAN CARLOS. The pastorate of Rev. R. B. Cherington came to a happy conclusion on Easter Sunday, with a capacity congregation, and many expressions of appreciation for the pastor and his wife.

Mr. Alden A. Read has accepted the call to this church, and began work on April 19. Immediately following his graduation from Pacific School of Religion he and Mrs. Read will move to San Carlos, taking up their duties in earnest.

SACRAMENTO. Forty-eight were received into the church on Easter Sunday, 30 of them on confession of faith. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, wife of the pastor, has undergone a major operation, from which she is making satisfactory recovery. Mr. Wilson served as moderator of the Sacramento Valley Association, and both he and Mrs. Wilson hope to attend the General Council at Mt. Holyoke.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Under the leadership of Rev. Harvey V. Miller, congregations are steadily increasing and many troublesome financial obligations are being met. These include many current bills and delinquent taxes. The Sunday School is increasing in attendance and is now able to supply itself with lesson helps. The property is also being improved.

ADIN. The best and most encouraging month since his pastorate began was reported by Rev. A. W. Monosmith. Interest and cooperation during the Lenten season were splendid. The church was crowded on Easter Sunday. New families are moving in and country roads are drying up, both of which will contribute to the success of the enterprise.

SOQUEL. A larger number than the pews would hold were in attendance on Easter. Three were received into church membership. Everyone was very happy because of the improvements on the building, and they are now looking forward to painting the exterior. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, exchanged pulpits one Sunday with Mrs. Mahood, who was substituting for her husband in Santa Cruz.

FAIRFAX. At Easter time eleven new members joined by confession and two by letter. A public reception was given to Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Mears to celebrate the first anniversary of their coming. Ninety persons were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Mears expect to go east this summer, attending the General Council.

EUREKA. On Good Friday, a candlelight communion service, with reception of members, was held, following a Lenten cantata entitled "At the Cross." Rev. Charles H. Hudson is the pastor.

PORT CHICAGO. Rev. B. Dent Naylor reported at the Upper Bay Association that the Sunday School and women's work of the church are flourishing.

ANTIOCH. The resignation of Rev. Henry Stauffer has been regretfully accepted by the church. His period of service will terminate July 1, which will close seven years of very fruitful labor, during which time Mr. Stauffer has carried the full work of the pastorate, and a very heavy and troublesome debt has been paid. Twelve new members have been received into the church since January 1.

Mrs. Stauffer will enjoy a trip to Europe as the guest of her daughter.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Twelve new members were received into fellowship on Easter Sunday; six children were baptized. The religious dramas which are being presented on Sunday evenings following the sermon are not drawing as large crowds as did the motion pictures, but are reaching many earnest and thoughtful people. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, expects to visit in New England this summer, and will attend the meeting of the General Council.

PORTERVILLE. Twenty-four new members were received into fellowship on Thursday night of Holy Week, at a candlelight communion service. On Easter Sunday, 354 people were at church. The two Sundays following Easter showed attendances larger than during Lent, with 170 on one Sunday and 148 the other. A total of 51 new members has been received since the coming of Rev. John H. Gregg as pastor last August.

COTATI AND PENN GROVE. Rev. C. C. Champlin, formerly pastor at Pittsburg, has accepted the call to serve these churches, is living on the field, and is at work. He is devoting himself to pastoral visitation and is already finding a hearty response on the part of the people, and he will bring to this field a leadership that will result in splendid strength and usefulness of the churches.

BERKELEY, PARK. Easter was a great day, but the average attendance at morning worship aside from Easter has been the largest during the pastorate of Rev. Tom Watt. The Live Oak Masonic Glee Club presented a benefit concert on Sunday afternoon, May 3, to assist with the financing of the repairs on the building.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. The attendance at church in Angels Camp for the first four months of 1936 by actual count has shown an increase of 16 per cent over the corresponding period of a year previous. At Murphys the CCC boys have added to both attendance and interest. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Twenty-three persons united with the church by reaffirmation, and eight by confession of faith, at the Easter Sunday afternoon Communion service. Dr. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Church on Sunday, April 19.

CAMPBELL. Easter services were the best for many years. Not only was attendance splendid, but ten new members were admitted. Among them were two Japanese young people whose parents are Buddhists. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Rev. J. H. McCartney, in addition to caring for the regular organizations of his church, finds time to do a great deal of pastoral work, normally about 80 calls per month.

BETTER AND BETTER

Below appears the most encouraging report of benevolence contributions that we have been able to give our readers in many a day, showing total contributions for the first four months of the year about $1700 in excess of those reported for the same period a year ago. A careful study of the list shows that all of this can be accounted for on the basis of increased remittances from two churches—Berkeley First and Oakland First. Two monthly checks were credited in the month of April from the Berkeley church, and Oakland, besides being more prompt in its remittances during the winter, received a special collection on Easter Sunday to make up a shortage of 1935. Other churches are running about equal, some a little more and others less. All told, the picture is one to bring encouragement to all of our workers.

	April 1936	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, '36	Jan. 11 to Apr. 30, '35
Adin	$ 18.29	$ 18.29	$ 41.00
Alameda	30.00	157.64	105.81
Alturas	....	....	7.10
Angels Camp.	....	25.00	25.00
Antioch	....	13.80	8.40
Auburn	....	25.00	25.00
Benicia	20.00	20.00	13.00
Berkeley—			
First	1,166.67	2,408.94	1,624.99
North	....	150.00	150.00
Park	....	18.47	27.30
Campbell	....	50.00	50.00
Ceres	113.41	113.41	....
Cloverdale	....	27.90	40.23
Cotati	....	26.18	28.00
Crockett	23.00	23.00	29.33
Eureka	21.25	71.74	95.00
Fairfax	....	....	15.00
Ferndale	....	52.26	58.16
Fresno—			
First	87.63	231.42	183.20
Pilgrim	....	....	1.75
Grass Valley	....	....	10.00
Hayfork	....	3.00	....
Hayward	40.00	40.00	25.00
Kenwood	5.00	12.30	19.60
Likely	....	5.00	5.00
Lockeford	....	2.50	7.00
Lodi, First	....	100.00	120.00
Loomis	4.80	11.90	19.35
Martinez	33.59	69.92	49.70
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Niles	....	10.00	22.20
Oakland—			
First	807.44	2,033.70	890.82
Fruitvale	....	5.00	....
Plymouth	....	205.00	170.00
Oroville	30.00	60.00	65.00
Pacific Grove	82.75	155.11	88.25
Palo Alto	100.00	250.00	150.00
Pittsburg	19.13	43.06	19.74
Paradise	17.00	46.00	70.70
Petaluma	14.20	165.25	206.61
Fort Chicago	....	2.65	2.35
Porterville	....	25.00	....
Redwood City	....	100.00	100.00
Ripon	3.50	11.50	14.00
Sacramento	....	156.70	137.70
Salida	....	....	18.80
San Carlos	....	....	10.00
San Francisco—			
Beth.-Msn. Pk	84.46	87.46	115.50
First	....	413.51	534.95
Ocean View	....	6.83	....
San Jose	40.00	173.00	225.00
San Leandro—			
Broadmoor	10.05	18.95	26.98
San Rafael	20.00	20.00	....
Santa Cruz	....	160.00	180.00
Santa Rosa	13.38	75.27	68.05
Saratoga	106.73	106.73	60.00
Sebastopol	....	71.18	61.24
Sonoma	25.15	25.15	33.98
Soquel	10.00	15.00	22.00
Stockton	....	129.39	139.35
Suisun	45.00	45.00	45.00
Tulare	....	95.00	65.00
Weaverville	20.40	35.40	15.00
Reno, Nev.	51.00	141.05	83.11
Miscellaneous	106.25	597.60	221.00
*Special Deficit Fund	....	....	820.05
TOTAL	$3,170.08	$9,203.16	$7,506.30

*The contributions to the Special Deficit Fund in 1936 are included with gifts from the churches or in the miscellaneous item.

The promotion committee of the Pilgrim Fellowship is conducting a series of rallies throughout the Conference, boosting attendance at Asilomar. A splendid rally was held at Lodi last Saturday night. Another is taking place in the Alameda church on May 8. It is reported that one is to be held May 2 at Fresno, while a fourth is scheduled with the West Bay group at Santa Cruz on May 30.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

RENO, NEVADA. The 65th anniversary of the organization of this church was celebrated in connection with the spring meeting of the Sacramento Valley Association. About 200 members and friends gathered for the anniversary dinner on the evening of May 1. Rev. William Moll Case, who has served the church for ten years, presided in a very happy manner, introducing many pioneers and early members and revealing the intimate acquaintanceship of a true pastor with his people. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, a former minister of the church, brought greetings, and Rev. Charles L. Mears, who was pastor thirty years ago, gave the address of the evening, including many reminiscences of the years he spent in Reno.

Rev. Alden H. Clark of the American Board of Commissioners brought the greetings from churches which he had visited on his recent world-wide tour, and Supt. Harley H. Gill spoke briefly on the significance of an anniversary. One of the happy events of the evening was a "marriage" between Congregation-Al and Presbyteri-An, in which the federation of the two churches was symbolized. Following the dinner a most helpful and impressive communion service was conducted in the dimly candle-lit auditorium of the church.

TULARE. At the Good Friday communion ten members were received into the church, eight of them on confession of faith. A capacity congregation filled the church on Easter. The lilies, which decorated the church, were given by various members as memorials to friends and relatives.

A birthday dinner sponsored by the Sunday School was held on April 16. Each of the twelve tables was decorated in keeping with the month represented. A unique entertainment followed. A pageant written by Mrs. Arthur L. Rice, wife of the pastor, entitled, "As Father Time Sees It," was presented.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. All departments of the church cooperated in Easter worship services. Three young members of the Pilgrim Fellowship groups joined the church. A member of the senior society constructed and presented an illuminated cross for the interior of the building, while the Intermediate group presented two potted palms. Two adult groups are now actively at work, and attendance has increased in both the church and Sunday School. Rev. M. J. Minkler is stated supply.

GRASS VALLEY. Two splendid Easter services, with special musical programs, were reported by the pastor, Rev. E. O. Chapel. The large attendance necessitated filling the aisles with extra chairs. Ten adults were received into membership and four children baptized. A choir of twenty-five voices presented the cantata, "The King Eternal." A union three-hour service on Good Friday was held in the Congregational Church, with the choirs and pastors of various churches participating.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The largest Easter attendance remembered by even the old-timers, with 250 present, is reported. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, and his people proved to be excellent hosts at the spring meeting of the Bay Association. The building was beautifully decorated, an excellent dinner was well served, and enjoyable music provided.

OROVILLE. Easter Sunday broke all records for attendance. The building was full for a service of dedication of the chimes in memory of Rev. W. J. Johnson, and packed at the second service at 11 o'clock.

The pastor, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, sends mail announcements to the members of his parish twice a month.

On the evening of Palm Sunday there was a houseful of young people as a result of an invitation to Job's Daughters and De Molays, the majority of whom are connected with the church. Seven new members have been received, five of them on confession.

The tower chimes are played every evening for fifteen minutes at 6 o'clock. Weekly attendance at church service averages higher than a year ago.

SONOMA. The 65th anniversary of the organization of the church was celebrated on May 3. Greetings from former members and pastors were read. At the morning services brief addresses relating the history of the church were delivered by Miss Edna Cooper, Miss Helen Perkins, and Mrs. Carrie Burlingame. At the evening service, besides the pastor, Rev. Richard C. Day, there were present Rev. William C. Day and Rev. Frank E. Boren, both former pastors. Superintendent Harley H. Gill delivered the sermon. In connection with the anniversary, an attempt is being made to clean up a troublesome indebtedness of long standing.

FRESNO, FIRST. At a very enthusiastic meeting of the church, plans were approved for greatly improving the building, including the changing of the axis, the improvement of the basement, repairing roof and side wall, redecorating, and the paying off of a mortgage on two cottages used for Sunday School purposes. The campaign has been launched under the direction of Rev. Norman B. Henderson, the pastor, and its success will insure the completion of the project. Total cost will be in the neighborhood of $12,000.

PACIFIC GROVE. The Women's Association is caring for its financial obligations by direct pledges rather than by money-making activities. Mission study is being carried on by different age groups. The women's circles reserve a portion of each meeting for the study of "That Other America." The Sunday School observes the last Sunday of each month as "mission Sunday," with Mrs. Spencer Hoyt giving sketches of the workers on the South American field. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Mrs. George E. Atkinson, wife of the pastor, is to attend the State meeting of P. E. O., in Los Angeles, and will remain as a fraternal delegate to the Southern California Conference. She is planning a June picnic for the Congregational women of the Redwood Empire Association. Mr. Atkinson, who is to attend the General Council, has been voted a vacation of a month in addition to the time necessary to make the trip.

KENWOOD. A joint choir from Petaluma and Sonoma gave an evening of music in the church. The building has been shingled and painted, and a piano has been purchased. Rev. Frank E. Boren declares that this Easter was one of the best during his pastorate.

AMBROSE. It will be remembered by readers of The Pacific that in the last issue it was reported that an attempt was being made to heal the division in the church. However, during the month the group that at one time desired to establish a Christian and Missionary Alliance church withdrew. Several have asked for their letters, and the remainder, now strengthened by the addition of several new members, are going forward as a Congregational church, and have called Mr. Ed. Cunningham, a student of Pacific School of Religion, as pastor. Mr. Cunningham will reside at Ambrose during the summer. With the disturbing element removed and with a pastor giving increased time, it is believed that the church is facing happier days.

PETALUMA. On Palm Sunday the combined choirs of the Petaluma and Sonoma churches sang "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by DuBois, in the afternoon in Petaluma, and in the evening in Sonoma. This concert was repeated on April 10 at Sebastopol and on the 19th at Kenwood. A large congregation attended the Easter morning service at which three children were baptized. The Easter evening play, "For He Had Great Possessions," by Dorothy Clark Wilson, was repeated Monday. On April 19 six new members were received into the church. The Redwood Empire Association will meet in Petaluma on May 6. The pastor, Rev. R. C. Waddell, is the Moderator.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland will leave the latter part of May on a journey which will take him completely around the world, visiting Japan, China, Manchukuo, Russia, Germany, and other countries. Appropriately enough, his sermon on a recent Sunday was "A Storm at Sea." It is hoped by his friends that it will not be too stormy. Without question, the audience at Easter was the largest that the church has ever known. The Knights Templar were guests of honor. Twenty-four members were received into fellowship.

SALIDA. This church entertained the Central Association on April 29, providing efficiently for the entertainment of the delegates. Miss Mary Coxhead, who has been supplying the church, closes her work on May 10. Mr. C. D. Carlson, a student at the Pacific School of Religion, has been called for the three months of summer, and will begin on Sunday, May 17. Mr. Carlson has grown up in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, and has been active in Sunday School and young people's work.

SUISUN. On Easter Sunday Rev. Arthur T. Davies preached, because of the desire of the church to have service at eleven o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Richardson, normally preaches at Suisun at ten and at the Fairfield Methodist church at eleven. Six young men were received into membership by Mr. Davies and a number of children were baptized.

STOCKTON. For the first time since the new building was erected, Sunday School attendance is showing an increase over corresponding periods of the previous year. Even without the usual visit of the Knights Templar on Easter Sunday, the church was crowded. In the evening the Pilgrim Players presented the play by Mary Hamlin, "The Rock."

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Nine hundred people were present on Easter Sunday morning, making an offering of $1,015.00. Twenty-six new members were received into fellowship the Sunday following Easter, 17 of them on confession of faith. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, expects to attend the meeting of the General Council, and to participate in the ordination of Mr. Howard Conn.

Miss Mary Coxhead has been elected as head of the department of community service of the church. She will lead in vacation schools, home teaching, neighborhood social groups, and in personal adjustments. Her service will begin in the autumn immediately after her return from the trip which she expects to make to Europe this summer.

REDWOOD CITY. Upon invitation of the pulpit committee, Rev. Charles E. Ward, D. D., of Boise, Idaho, was guest of the church for two Sundays and the intervening week. On May 3 he was unanimously called to be pastor, effective August 16. While Dr. Ward's official answer has not been received, it is expected that he will accept. He comes to Redwood City with splendid record of service at Boise and at Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. Sarah T. Fox, a Congregational pioneer, passed away on Sunday, April 19, at the age of 90. She came to California via "the Horn" in 1849, and later married one of the covered wagon pioneers of 1848. Her family gave the site for the present Congregational church.

LODI. Thirteen members were received on Easter Sunday, nine of them on confession of faith. New vestments have been secured for the choir, who presented "The Story of the Cross" by Dudley Buck, on Palm Sunday. The Plymouth Players presented a play, "The Half of My Goods" on Easter Sunday night. A first coat of paint has been put on the church building; the recreation hall has been newly decorated, and new lights and a piano have been installed. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED CHURCH OF THE MISSION. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, does not believe in fairies, but a good one came along the other day and offered to pay his expenses to Europe. He is to go with the Sherwood Eddy party. His church will care for pulpit supply.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE. Two hundred fifty people were in attendance at the Easter service. Eleven new members were received; five children, four young people, and two adults were baptized by the pastor, Rev. B. Y. Leong.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

The Executive Committee of the Federation will meet at the First Congregational Church, Oakland, May 21, at 10:15 A. M.

"RADIANT HOPE"

About two hundred and fifty women attended the Spring Meeting of the Federation in Pittsburg on April 16. Registration showed that First Church, Oakland, led in the number of those in attendance, with twenty-three present, while Sacramento was a close second. The women of the hostess church were most cordial in their welcome, and extended every possible courtesy for the pleasure of their guests. Never, within the memory of those who have attended these meetings, has there been finer singing by the congregation. Led by the pastor of the church, Rev. E. W. Benedict, all seemed to want to express the radiant hope and faith that filled their hearts on this day. Let it not be said that women cannot sing!

Carrying out the theme of the meeting, "Radiant Hope," Mrs. Gail Cleland spoke on "Radiance in Giving," Miss Lucile Shackelford on "Radiance of Youth," and Mrs. Robert d'Erlach on "Spring in the Slums" (Radiance in Service). Mrs. Mary B. Sumner, formerly of Talladega College, told of some of the outstanding results in the lives of Negro men and women trained in the A. M. A. schools and colleges of the South. Lieutenant Commander Bryant, U. S. N., retired, gave a stirring address on "America's Opportunities," in which he expressed the belief that American isolation and international peace are incompatible; that economic war takes life slowly but surely and unless stopped leads to military war; that the cause of war must be removed before armaments can be scrapped; and that only when security is insured for all will there be peace in the world.

"SPRING IN THE SLUMS"

A baby girl, born some fifty years ago in Japan, was named by her parents "Spring." No one saw then that she would indeed be as the spring to thousands of her country people in later years. She was born into a home of affluence, but reverses when she was a child altered her environment, so that at the age of eighteen she was working in the bindery department of a publishing house, in charge of thirty girls. This publishing house was under Christian management, and a preacher made regular visits to teach the girls to sing hymns. Was it fate that Dr. Kagawa was the person who relieved the regular preacher during one vacation period?

For some time Miss Spring gave no heed to the teachings of this Christian enthusiast, but at length she accepted the way of life that he had made known to her. She was a dynamic personality and ere long had organized a Bible class and was assisting in his evening classes among the poor. In the sordid, fetid atmosphere of the Shinkawa slums, she and Dr. Kagawa worked side by side, and the flower of romance blossomed.

Their first home was a wretched little hut, which from the beginning they shared with old and infirm "guests," in a district of filth, disease, and degradation. To keep a clean home and to feed eleven persons on fifteen dollars a month, and find time to work outside with her husband, were a challenge. Her husband said of her, "She came to me and has met every test with a heroism that only God can measure." Realizing her limited education, she took advantage of every opportunity to study, especially those subjects relating to social matters. When her husband opened a dispensary, she studied nursing, and became an invaluable helper. When he was imprisoned she took over the supervision of the dispensaries, conferred with the strikers, handled a very heavy mail, continued the night meetings, and directed her own household which always sheltered guests of varying types. Later she organized a Woman's Society for social service, and published a magazine which had wide circulation.

She has written much, both for newspapers and magazines, and has published two books dealing with slum conditions and commercialized vice in Japan. She believes that, however wide a woman's interests outside the home may be, her most useful field is in the home, and that children trained in a Christ-centered home have within them the elements for the proper adjustments of themselves to society.

Spring came to the slums bringing radiant hope!

WORTHWHILE SCHOOLS

Excerpts from Mrs. Mary B. Sumner's talk:

"The A. M. A. schools and colleges are immensely worth while. They give a character training which the public schools cannot equal."

"Although other denominations than our own, notably the Methodist and Baptist, have schools for the Negroes in the South, only the edge of the Negro group has been touched."

"If Talladega College had done nothing more than turn out Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis McDowell and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Coles, it would have been worth while."

"Love conquers all things, even race prejudice."

MRS. A. P. PECK

The death of Mrs. A. P. Peck brings a sense of keen sorrow and loss to her many friends throughout California. Mrs. Peck left Berkeley in September, accompanying her son on his return to Nanking, where he is American Consul General, and had planned an indefinite visit with him and his family there. Illness necessitated her remaining in Shanghai, where her death occurred on March 30, 1936.

For twenty years Dr. and Mrs. Peck served as missionaries of the American Board in North China, first in Paotingfu and later in Pang Chang where Dr. Peck was head of a hospital which ministered to a vast and densely populated region. Here Mrs. Peck had great influence upon the Chinese women. The fact that she was the mother of a family and that she had suffered, even as these women suffer, in the loss of a little son, made a bond of understanding and sympathy between her and these women of a different race, and opened their hearts to the message of God's love.

During a second twenty years Dr. Peck was in service with the Chinese government and carried on private practice in Tientsin. Here Mrs. Peck was active in the Union Church, the W. C. T. U., and other organizations. The Peck home was always one of hospitality and charm where were welcomed diplomat and missionary, humble Chinese friends and those of wealth and official rank.

When home on a prolonged furlough Mrs. Peck was president of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific from 1900 to 1904, and later when her permanent home was made in Berkeley she was secretary of that Board. For her optimistic faith, for her deep religious devotion, for her great capacity for friendliness, and for her personal charm, her friends hold her in loving memory.

REV. HARLEY H. WOLFORD

Rev. Harley H. Wolford passed away at Stockton, California, on Sunday, April 26, 1936. Mr. Wolford, who was formerly a minister of the Brethren Church and a teacher in a Brethren College in Ohio, came to California a number of years ago and became pastor of the Congregational Church at Sunnyvale. He transferred his ministerial standing to our fellowship. Following pastorate of several years at Sunnyvale, he was called to Ceres, and served that church until he suffered a stroke of paralysis about three years ago. Since that time he has resided in Stockton. He was able, part of the time, to do educational work, and assisted in the church school of the Stockton church. On a number of occasions he supplied the pulpit. During recent months he was incapacitated but retained possession of his mental powers until the day of his death. Mr. Wolford had fine training as a minister and as a leader of religious education. He was a man of deep sincerity of purpose, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. He is survived by his wife and four daughters.

REV. CHARLES F. CLARKE

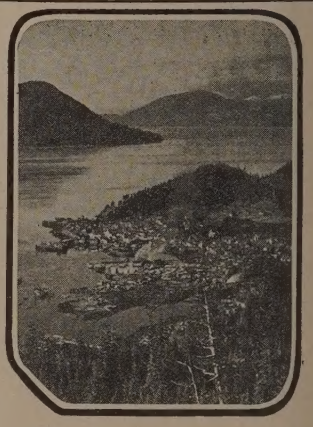
On Wednesday, April 22, Rev. Charles F. Clarke passed away after a long and painful illness. He was 67 years of age. For a number of years he was pastor of our Fruitvale Church in Oakland, and then went to the Olivet Church in order to make a last and earnest effort to bring it to strength and self-support. About four years ago he was called to the Congregational Church at Beaverton, Oregon, which he served until illness forced his resignation. During the last few months of his life he resided with his daughter, Miss Margaret Clarke, in San Francisco. His death came at St. Luke's Hospital.

Mr. Clarke will be remembered by a very large number of lay and ministerial friends as a man of deep and sincere spirit—quiet and effective. He was a man of unshakable faith and cheerful disposition. His wife passed away a number of years ago. Services were conducted in Oakland by Superintendent Harley H. Gill on Friday, April 24.

OROVILLE MEMORIAL

As announced in the April Pacific, organ chimes in the Oroville church were dedicated on April 12, to the memory of Rev. W. J. Johnson, pastor 1916 to 1933.

"By his friends upon whose lives his ideals and influence are lastingly impressed. He created a spirit of fellowship which knew no color or creed, all were welcome within this church. In the simple things of daily life, the laughter of a child, the clasp of a friendly hand, in the glory of the sunset he beheld the handiwork of God. The beauty and harmony of these chimes stand as a memorial to the quality of his soul."



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